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SUBJ: TONG-SUN PARK - VISIT BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

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1. MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR, PAK SANG YOUNG, CALLED POLCOUNS EARLY ON OCT 6 TO SEEK CLARIFICATION ON TWO POINTS PRIOR TO INITIAL MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS LATER SAME MORNING. HE ASKED FIRST WHAT TYPE OF MEETINGS WERE DESIRED, FORMAL OR INFORMAL. POLCOUNS AGAIN SUGGESTED VISIT START WITH CALL BY CIVILETTI AND MICHEL ON MINISTER OF JUSTICE. FOLLOWING THAT CALL US TEAM AND ROK TEAM SHOULD GET DOWN TO DISCUSSIONS IN AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO REACHING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT. POLCOUNS SUGGESTED BEST WAY TO DO THIS WOULD BE TO STRIKE A MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN THE FORMAL AND INFORMAL, TREATING THE MATTER WITH IMPORTANCT IT WARRANTED,BUT NOT ALLOWING FORMAL RULES WITH ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPEDE WORK AT HAND. PAK AGREED WITH THIS APPROACH.

2. SECOND POINT RAISED BY PAK WAS SCOPE OF THE VISIT, SPECIFICALLY, WOULD THE WORK DONE BY JUSTICE SERVE THE PURPOSES OF OTHERS LOOKING INTO TONG-SUN PARK AFFAIR? HE SAID THIS QUESTION HAD BEEN RAISED PREVIOUS DAY DURING
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATIONS. POLCOUNS SAID HE WAS NOT INFROMED ON ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN VARIOUS US BODIES LOOKING INTO TONG-SUN PARK AFFAIR. HE UNDERTOOK, HOWEVER, TO PASS ON PAK'S QUESTION TO WASHINGTON FOR COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: ASSUME LINE TAKEN BY POLCOUNS RE

MEETING FORMAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO WASHINGTON. WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION. SECND QUESTION RAISED BY
PAK OF WHETHER JUSTICE VISIT AND FUTURE COMMUNICATION
WITH PARK TONG SUN WILL SATISFY HOUSE, SENATE, SEC AND
ANY OTHERS HAS RECEIVED SOME PRESS PLAY AND WE EXPECT
MORE WHEN DATES OF VISIT BECOME KNOWN. GUIDANCE ON
THIS POINT IS REQUESTED.
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